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SUBJECT: EXTERIOR PERIMETER SECURITY LIGHTING FOR CHANCERY (PROPERTY
NO. 01476)

1. BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS BY RSO POST HAS SURVEYED SUBJECT
PROBLEM AND HAS COME UP WITH FOLLOWING FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR IMPROVEMENT OF EXTERIOR LIGHTING.

2. PRESENT RSO (TRETOLA) AND PREVIOUS RSO (RUNNER) BOTH RECOMMENDED
IMPROVED SECURITY LIGHTING FOR PERIMETER OF CHANCERY GROUNDS.
DUE TO MANY PRESSING PROJECTS POST HAS JUST RECENTLY HAD TIME
TO FOCUS ON THIS PROBLEM AND AGREES FULLY WITH BOTH RSO'S SUG-
GESTIONS.

3. PRESENT LIGHTING IS DECORATIVE ONLY, CONSISTS OF ABOUT TEN
DIM POST LIGHTS, AND THE WIRING DESIGNED TO CARRY 110 VOLTS HAS
DETERIORATED OVER THE YEARS.
THE CONDUIT HAS BROKEN OFF FROM THE WALL, AND BARE WIRES CAN BE
FOUND IN MANY PLACES. IN SHORT, THE PRESENT LIGHTING IS TOTALLY
INADEQUATE AND MUST BE IMPROVED.

4. LOCAL ELECTRICAL COMPANY SURVEYED THE SITUATION AND HAS SUBMITTED
THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS AND ESTIMATES:

A) CONVERT ALL EXTERIOR LIGHTING TO 220 VOLT SYSTEM USING HIGH
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QUALITY OUTDOOR CABLE SO AS TO LESSEN POWER LOSS

FOR DISTANCE COVERED AND PROVIDE MORE EFFICIENT SECURITY LIGHTING.

B) TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE LIGHTING PLACE 150 - 200
WATT BULBS AT APPROXIMATELY 30 FEET (10 METERS) INTERVALS ALONG
THE PERIMETER OF THE CHANCERY GROUNDS AND MOUNT ADDITIONAL LIGHTS
TO ILLUMINATE THE PARKING AREA.

CONTROLS FOR ALL EXTERIOR LIGHTING MUST BE PUT INSIDE THE BUILDING
SO THAT MARINES SECURITY GUARD CAN CONTROL THE LIGHTING. THIS IS
IN CONJUNCTION WITH POSSIBLE EXTERNAL TELEVISION MONITORS THAT
MAY BE INSTALLED IN THE FUTURE.

D) SINCE PROJECT INCLUDES ALL PERIMETER WALLS WE PLAN TO REPAIR
EXISTING DECORATIVE LIGHTS ALSO.

5. PERIMETER SECURITY LIGHTS WILL BE PLACED SO THAT INSIDE OF
CHANCERY GROUNDS WILL BE ILLUMINATED AND THE SECURITY LIGHTS WILL
NOT SHINE OUT ON THE BORDER ROADS AND BOTHER NEIGHBORS. THEIR PURPOSE
WILL BE STRICTLY TO GIVE THE GROUNDS PROPER ILLUMINATION.

6. ESTIMATED COST FOR TOTAL PROJECT IS DOLLARS 3180.00. BREAKDOWN
IS AS FOLLOWS: MATERIAL-\$1740, LABOR -\$1100, BULBS-\$340
TOTALING DOLS 3180.

7. WE HAVE LOCATED ONLY ONE REPUTABLE CONTRACTOR CAPABLE OF DOING
WORK. POST HAS BEEN UNABLE TO GET ANY OTHER BIDS FOR
THIS PROJECT. OTHER FIRMS WERE CONTACTED BUT THEY DID NOT UNDERSTAND
WHAT WE WANTED AND WERE UNABLE TO COME UP WITH FIRM ESTIMATES,
IN FACT IT TOOK OVER ONE MONTH TO GET THIS ONE FIGURE.

8. FOR REASONS OF SECURITY REQUEST FUNDS AND APPROVAL TO
PROCEED WITH THIS IMPORTANT PROJECT.
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